And I would like to tell the hon. Member the present position of that. The draft Note has been circulated on the 28th January, 1991. And the final Note has to be issued.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over. Papers to be laid on the Table.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

New adventure package by the ITDC in Madhya Pradesh

*345. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, recently ITDC in its new adventure package in the tented camp at Narwar in the Shivpuri district of Madhya Pradesh gave a new dimension to tourism in the country, particularly in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have earned any profit from this package and what are the details of investment and earnings therefrom; and

(d) whether Government intend to promote tented camps at other places in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The India Tourism Development Corporation has introduced an adventure package tour based on tented accommodation at Narwar as an experiment to develop new tourist destination in backward and remote areas. The package tour includes facilities of tented accommodation, food and transport and makes provision for various adventure sports.

(c) Government supports such adventure camps purely as promotional ventures and does not expect to earn any profits from them.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Nepal Prime Minister's visit to India

*346. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent visit of the Nepalese Prime Minister will streng then cooperation between two countries; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the visit of the Prime Minister G. P. Koirala of Nepal to India from December 5-10-1991, extensive and oroductive discussions were held on a wide range of issues of mutual interest. This visit was preceded by the meeting of the Indo-Nepal Joint Commission, chaired by me and the Nepalese Co-Chairman. Shri Maheshwar Prasad Singh. On December 4 and 5, 1991. The report of the Joint Commission was a major input for the talks between the two Prime Ministers and their delegations. A number of Treaties and Agreements—an Indo-Nepal Treaty of Trade, an Indo-Nepal Treaty of Transit, an Agreement for Cooperation in Controlling Unauthorised Trade, a Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in Agriculture and a Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of the B.P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation—were signed during the visit. The Trade Treaty contains several new facilities and concessions meant to promote Nepalese exports to India, and the new Transit Treaty has considerably simplified customs and other procedures. Both sides have committed themselves to cooperating fully to control the growing scourge of smuggling which seriously affects the Indian economy. A number of Key decisions were also taken concerning various hydel projects and other aspects of cooperation in water resources development, the sector with the maximum potential for substantially benefitting both the countries. Special attention was paid to promoting Indo-Nepal joint ventures—including a particularly favourable access regime to the Indian market for the products of approved joint ventures with a view to assisting the industrial development of Nepal. A number of new Indian aid projects were also identified, in the fields of public health, communications and telecommunications. Concrete steps were identified for promoting cooperation in civil aviation and tourism. Both Governments have thus prepared the ground for ushering in new era in mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation.

Pollution check of vehicles

*347. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: